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BOOKLESS RAILROADING.

The visit of the Coroner's jury to the scene of the tunnel horror yesterday, caused several of its members to say that Divine Providence had more to do with the prevention of accidents down there than the Company's precautionary system. District Attorney LYNCH, who rode in the engine cab, could not see a signal further than twenty feet away. Indeed, everything showed that it is more owing to good luck than anything else that more accidents have not occurred.

The testimony of Engineer REILLY, which will likely cause his indictment on a charge of manslaughter, shocked the jurors. If all the engineers in the Company's service have such blind faith, people should think twice before riding on its road. He said that he found all the signals clear. He left the depot with the "shot" train six minutes ahead of the New Haven local, running at seven miles an hour speed. The local's speed was more than twenty-five miles an hour. Here is some of his testimony:

Q. Now, did you know that the New Haven train was due to leave the Grand Central depot at 7:02?

A. Oh, yes, I knew that, and I knew that she would not get through it, too.

Q. You also knew that if the block system wasn't all right that train would overhaul you, did you not?

A. Oh, the block system is always supposed to be all right. I didn't take anything about that. I have said I had to stop.

Q. You knew there was a train right behind you going twenty-five miles an hour?

A. Yes.

Q. And, knowing that, didn't you consider there was imminent danger?

A. Why, no; I knew the blocks would hold them.

REILLY also said that he had made the run to Mott Haven in ten minutes; his average time, however, being about twelve minutes. On this morning it had taken him twelve minutes to get to Eighty-sixth street.

This is a fine prospect for the consideration of those who are compelled to ride daily through this tunnel. Pitch darkness, blind faith in signals that cannot be seen until trains are upon them, and death and disaster in case an alleged perfect signalling system, that has failed at least once to avert a collision, should fail again.

The investigation made by the jury yesterday and the testimony taken by Coroner LEVY all show what danger lurks in the blackness of the Fourth Avenue Tunnel. It is the opinion of all sensible men that it should be lighted and ventilated. This should be insisted upon, no matter what the expense. Let the New York Central Railroad be compelled to spend more of its dividends in protecting the lives of the people who ride on its cars and whose money fills its coffers.

GRAMMAR VS. SACRAMENT.

In a letter intended to be gently withering, ex-Gov. BULKLEY intimates to Gov. HILL that he is awaiting orders to forward about two hundred Connecticut criminals for the latter's service, in pursuance of the policy which he chooses to find and indicated in the New York Executive's action in refusing the extradition of FALCON. If this letter is really the "piece of his mind" with which the Connecticut hold-over yesterday threatened the New York Executive, it is a surprisingly weak exhibit for a man who has held the highest office in the gift of the people of his State.

Nor is the letter lacking alone in force and dignity. "I have no doubt," writes Mr. BULKLEY, "that every one would prove loyal subjects and rejoice to avail themselves," etc. [We have supplied the italics in the quotation. A man of gubernatorial aspirations might have been expected to give some attention to grammatical construction, especially when he is trying to deal in sarcasm.]

JUSTICE TO THE INSANE.

The Anti-Kidnaping League and National Lunacy Reform Union has prepared a bill by which the right of corresponding with some outside person is to be secured to the persons confined in the asylum. This is as just as can be. Everybody knows that lunacy does not argue an absolute derangement of all the mental faculties, and numbers of inmates who are deservedly confined in asylums for the insane have enough soundness in their brain to enable them to communicate rationally with some one in the outside world.

Why should these stricken unfortunate be denied this comfort, consolation and support? The wish to prevent such a course is open to suspicion. Let the poor victims to such a blow be treated as hu-

manely as possible. This privilege is only humane. It should be granted to them.

A fire was discovered in the basement of a tenement-house containing seventeen families. The man who kept the shop has been arrested for arson. He carried an insurance of \$800. Some examples should be made of incendiaries who will for a paltry gain jeopardize a dozen families. The Brooklyn fire, in which six persons were burned to death, is thought to have been the work of an incendiary, and here, right on the heels of that horror, is another attempt at arson. The guilt of such an act is enormous and inexcusable.

Charges of improper conduct on the part of a School Superintendent in Ohio were made by the school janitor. Unfortunately for the janitor it was proven that the Superintendent was a nullo away from the building at the time. The citizens were very wroth against this atrocious slander. The janitor was found the next day on a railroad track, mangled horribly, and with his throat cut from ear to ear. Whether this was his own doing or somebody else's, it will certainly be a damper on lodging false information against a worthy man.

A young man, who had just had his baggage passed by the customs inspectors, presented diamond bracelets to his woman friends as soon as he came down the gangplank. The bracelets were collared for unpaid duties and then his luggage more carefully examined, with the result that several articles were confiscated. What a foolish young man! It would be interesting to know his views on "tips."

Sir CHARLES DILKE has been invited to stand for Parliament. It is not many years ago since the gentleman left England so overwhelmed with public contumely that it looked as if he could never raise his head again, much less have the remotest possibility of election to a public office. And now he is asked to represent a constituency in Parliament. It is a signal instance of living down a thing or rather braving it out.

President CARROLL didn't feel exactly justified in calling on the Empress Frederick. So he fell back on the fact that she was in Paris Incognito, and sent one of his subordinates to the German Embassy. Etiquette is an awful thing, and war and ruin have often followed on its observance or neglect.

Mr. FAYREWEATHER'S millions were so widely and liberally distributed by him that it is hard to believe that the money will go to the beneficiaries in spite of the litigation awakened over the document. The executors have had much to do with this reasonable result.

The finding of a will thirty-two years old in an aged chest seems more a feature of the stage or of romantic novels than a cold fact. Yet such a will has just been rooted out of an old chest in New Jersey, and makes quite a difference in the settling of a dispute over a later will.

THE CLEANER.

One stereopticon is generally regarded as amply sufficient for the purposes of an ordinary lecture, but I see that it took three of these instruments to adequately illustrate a lecture before the Brooklyn Institute last night. The lecturer was Mr. Garrett P. Serviss, the able and accomplished astronomical editor of a New York daily, and his subject "Star Clusters and Star Systems, the Nebulae and the Milky Way," a theme apparently large enough to justify the simultaneous use of half a dozen or even more stereopticons.

It appears that the number of permits issued by the Department of Public Works for tearing up the streets of Gotham in December and January was 1,061 less than for the corresponding months last year, and yet the millennium seems as far away in the dim distance as ever.

I hear rumors that Col. Calvin S. Brice is contemplating retirement from the United States Senate, and although he seems to have denied the reports with a good deal of energy, it cannot be denied that his business affairs have become unusually pressing.

He spends more time at his office in this city than he does at Washington, and it is said that he has interests in the big natural-gas wells out in Ohio requiring almost constant attention. Ohio statesmen all seem to have a wonderful affinity for natural gas.

Commissioner Beattie must believe that dark clouds have silver linings, as Jupiter Pluvius is saving him money of just now.

General Master Workman Powderly says he is not going to resign from the Knights of Labor. This denial, I think, was unnecessary, because those who know Powderly must be aware that he is not a man to throw a good thing away.

John J. Scannell, who was with Richard Croker in Europe, is on his way home. There is talk in the Eleventh District that he expects to be appointed Fire Commissioner in place of Anthony McKee. Here is another instance of how good it is to be in with the boss.

I was more impressed than ever last evening that Lili Lehman is the one woman who can adequately play hide in Wagner's great love opera, and this I think was felt by the large audience which filled the Metropolitan Opera-house.

Commissioner Porter, of the Department of Charities and Correction, sails for Nassau today to visit his wife who is stopping there. Mr. Porter is one of the most faithful officials in the city Government and should enjoy his vacation.

No matter what Col. Fellows didn't do as District Attorney, he can assist when occasion calls. In the Sistrake case yesterday he offered three out of twenty witnesses, examined them in detail and cleared up his whole case in three hours. Here is something for a record.

It seems that for seventeen years Lester Wallace's profits from his theatre averaged \$25,000 a season. Who wouldn't be an actor under these conditions?

I presume that Inspector Byrnes after the great bonfire consumed upon him by the Italian Government will sign after his name, "Inspector of Police and Officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy." And why not? The title is his, isn't it?

Sir Richard Sutton, who owned the cutter-jacket, which came over here to carry the America Cup, and didn't, is dead. He was a thorough yachtsman, and all true lovers of aquatic sports will regret his death.

The price of MOVIE'S THEATRICAL CORNED BEANS is within the reach of all who have infants. 25c.

THE WAYS OF WOMAN FAIR.

Fads, Fashions and Fancies That Delight the Gentler Sex.

The Tosca Collar—A Hint on Buying House Dresses—New Evening Gowns—Fay of English Dressmakers—Ruffles Are the Go Now.

The Tosca collar is a high collar after the Medici order, trimmed in gold. Sometimes the collar is turned back, forming a huge ruff continued to the waist. The inside must always be trimmed, and ostrich feathers are soft and most becoming. Occasionally they are attached to a yoke.

The English women engaged at Wolverhampton in the dress and mantle making business are selling to having their present time of fifty-nine hours a week reduced to fifty-four, and that overtime shall be paid on a slightly higher scale. The conditions of employment are the engagement of apprentices at a premium of two guineas and no payment for services for two years; the payment of ordinary hands is from \$1.50 to \$2 per week, the average being about \$2, to obtain which twelve hours a day have to be put in, with frequent periods of overtime, for which it is affirmed no extra pay is given.



Next summer green corn will be served in plated silver corn cobs.

The monocle has been mounted in gold, supplied with a three-inch handle, beautifully carved, and just now is one of the studies of the fair sex. One may look over or under the glass, but to squint or wink the off eye is unpardonable.

Heretofore the lady clerk was offensively talkative. Now she has absolutely nothing to say, but there is an incalculable about her silence that is positively audible and makes enemies for the firm. But when you come to think of it, a \$10 man can't be expected from a \$2.00 maid.

In combining colors for house dresses it should always be borne in mind that these gowns will be seen more often by night than by day, and therefore the colors should be such as will illumine well.

By the way, the newest evening gowns for tall and stately creatures are of cloth, which, when trimmed with feathers and fur, are effective in the extreme. Cloth to those who are considerate of the fitness of things seems the ideal material for gowns of a dressy nature, and far suggests, too, the need for protection from chilling blasts. But the cloth evening dresses of white, cream, the palest of blues and greens, together with the soft, faint grays, are really things of beauty. Mignonette green and yellow are also favorite colors.

Mary Winkfield in her report to the London School Dinner Association says: "The head teachers and the local committee are responsible for the selection of proper cases, and for the suitable provision of the means given. The Association has hitherto been able to make a grant in reply to each suitable application, and during the last season they aided in the provision of over 250,000 meals (cost to Association of 10d. per meal). There are now more than 80,000 children upon the rolls of London elementary schools. The small proportion of 5 per cent. of non-attendance cases would give a total of 1,600 children. To give these children three dinners weekly would cost over \$150 per week."

Ruffles, narrow and wide, gathered knife, side, box or rose plained, are decidedly "in" now, and form a pretty finish to the bottom of a dress and frame for the feet. Several very narrow ones are placed so as to overlap each other and have no heading, being sewn on the skirt by only a cord. Others have a bias rolled fold.

At the annual convention of the American Women's Christian Temperance Union, recently held in Atlanta, the report of the Yearly Women's Department by Mrs. Frances Barnes, of New York, showed that 4,000 young men have enrolled themselves as honorary members of the Y. W. C. T. U. of the United States, in addition to the 4,000 last year. The Juvenile Department, reported by Mrs. Helen G. Rice, of Massachusetts, showed 3,898 companies of children organized, with a membership of 343,000. In connection with the Women's Christian Temperance Union, there are organizations in forty-four States, four Territories and in the District of Columbia. The membership is now 145,074, a net increase of 1,485 during the year. Besides carrying on a large publishing house, this institution of American women has a Founding Home, Day Nurseries and Kindergartens; also an "Anchorage Mission" for women adults and without homes, and last year sheltered 4,000 girls; also a cheap lodging-house for men, with baths and free reading rooms, and a restaurant patronized daily by numbers of people.

Basely Found.
[From Brooklyn Life.]

Citizen—Well, how did you find the jail, Shackelford?

Shackelford (back from a two weeks' sentence)—Oh, I didn't have to hunt for it; Sheriff took me right there.

Just So.
[From Texas Alliance.]

Customer (looking at silk)—They look to me just alike; but you say one is ninety-eight and the other \$1.30. Now what is the difference? Clerk (laughing)—Twelve cents.

There is Precedent for It.
[From Munsey's Weekly.]

"They say Westminster Abbey is growing too small to hold England's great dead."

"What can they do?"

"Don't know—unless they evict some of the present tenants for non-payment of rent."

SPRING IS COMING
Get ready for the change of season. Purify your blood by taking

Hood's Sarsaparilla

DROPPED DEAD.

A Sad Warning—Take Heed!

Dropped dead! He was a business man among you yesterday, but he neglected the nervous weakness which finally resulted in Heart Failure. You are warned, as he was, by nervousness, weak, weary, dizzy and strange, faint feelings, loss of memory, confused mind, trembling, sinking sensation, coldness of feet and legs, palpitation, feeling of apprehension, anxiety, drowsiness, daytime, sleeplessness, night.



If you have these symptoms you must at once use the sure preventive of Heart Failure—the greatest of all nerve strengtheners, Dr. Green's Nervura. It is the only certain remedy for heart and nerve trouble, but should be used when the very first symptoms of nervousness and weakness appear, and thus prevent the fatal result. Purely vegetable and harmless. Sold by druggists, \$1.00.

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"R. A. DYBART."
"Hortlandale, York Co., N. B."

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SPOTLIGHTS.

Bomb-would be a good social settlement for Anarchists.

The carman is the man most justified in his "pail."

An intoxicated tramp is only so far removed in that he comes to a "fall" too.

There is no danger of a mine of information blowing up.

Though counting in her winter gown, and pretty as a butterfly, she had her mind on getting down to business.

Then when you have to drag her up, Judge.

The worst of a train that is "stove up" is when it has a stove up before the collision.

New York society people are in such demand that invitations have to be sent out weeks ahead. This is being weekly kind.

Why not make cutting down the trees in the forests in this wholesale way a reasonable offense?

The center is the camp-meeting place. At least, the center is there.

If science makes music visible, the ladies will gang a Beethoven sonata by its completion.

POLITICAL ECHOES.

August Delabar, the Socialist candidate for Mayor at the last election, has become a Benedict. Alderman Fugenschneider performed the ceremony which called him in marriage to a Tenth District lady, last week.

A relative of ex-City Chamberlain Richard Croker has received a letter from the Tammany leader which confirms the rumor that he would not return until May next. Croker writes that he has leased a house in Nice, France, until May 1.

Gen. John Cochran, Chairman of the Tammany Hall General Committee, and Chanancy M. Depew, possible Republican candidate for Governor, were elected on the same State ticket (Republicans) in 1883. The General was chosen for Attorney-General and "Our Chanancy" for Secretary of State.

WORLDLINGS.

Paragons and Forties were the only two American naval officers to hold the rank and title of Admiral.

The rank will probably not be revived until we have another war.

The oldest living graduate of West Point is William O. Young, of Chicago. He was born in 1799 and graduated from the academy in 1822. He was commissioned Lieutenant of Artillery and remained in active service until 1828, when he retired.

John D. Archbold, Vice-President of the Standard Oil Company and one of the owners of the firm who directed the affairs of that corporation, is worth from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000. He began his business career as a common day laborer.

One of the most comfortable apartments on the Alva, Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt's yacht, is the children's play room, not in front of the house, but in the basement. It is padded with plush to prevent the children from receiving injuries by being thrown about when the vessel rolls.

One-third of the 700 students at the University of Leipzig are Americans.

VAGRANT VERSES.

A Miff and a Muff.

"Give me your hand," one evening cold I said to my neighbor, who was shivering.

She lightly tripped. The words seemed bold And seemed me somewhat so I tried.

Her sense to mend. I mean to hold And keep it warm. I faintly said.

"No, thanks," she tossed her pretty head And laughing, added in such a tone.

"You ought to keep it warm enough. Beyond a doubt, you're such a muff!"

—M. R. B., to Judge.

Fair Play.

It seems all very well to laugh at Love In the foolish days of youth.

To question the wealth of its treasure trove—To doubt that it is the truth.

It seems all very well—but some day When all the world is old and gray—Somebody will think of what you say.

And I, too, will say for the others' sakes—
—Faint Spot Alms, in Munsey's Weekly.

My Little Girl with a Dimpled Chin.

I know a girl with a dimpled chin, And her eyes are the bluest of blue; And she does not care for the others' sakes—
—From Brooklyn Life.



AMERICAN BISCUIT & MANUFACTURING CO., New York.

A choice biscuit is a high product of the baker's art. A biscuit to be choice should be dainty in make-up, delicate in flavor and have in it only the best and choicest material. This is the description of the PARROT BRAND of goods which we are now offering to the New York public direct from our extensive biscuit and cracker works on West st., from Bethune to West 12th st.

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The large investment made in our extensive modern plant indicates that we have come to stay, and we will stay upon our record as masters of the art of cracker and biscuit making.

Very respectfully,
AMERICAN BISCUIT & MFG CO.
By L. D. DOZIER, Manager.

February 24, 1891.
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Usual price \$1.35 a pair.

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In Winter Shades, 4 and 6 button, sizes 6 1/2 and 6 3/4 only.
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AN ADDITIONAL LOT OF MEN'S ALEXANDRE KID GLOVES,

2-button, embroidered, in desirable shades, at
98c.
Usual price \$1.65 a pr.

West 23d St.

Crucifix.
[From Munsey's Weekly.]
Poor Little Dobson—Miss Lovely, I really do not exist when I am out of your presence.

Miss Lovely—is that what makes you seem so very delicious for your age, Mr. Dobson?

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Food Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

The friends of Miss Elizabeth Dawn Griffith will give her a benefit concert this evening in Chickering Hall. She will have the kind assistance of Mrs. Rosa Linde, Mr. Artistic, the tenor; Mr. J. H. Hurd, the baritone; Mr. Victor Koompaak, and others. The patronesses on the occasion will be Mrs. H. H. Hurd, Mrs. R. N. Benson, Mrs. W. M. L. Fleming, Mrs. John D. Jones, Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. L. G. Quinlan, Miss Vanderpool, Miss Leary, Mrs. Wm. H. Grace, Mrs. John Sherwood, Mrs. Greenville Wainwright, and Mrs. Danawalt.